



DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
California State Board of Optometry

OVERVIEW OF LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

TYPE OF LICENSE	DESCRIPTION OF LICENSE	CHANGING YOUR ADDRESS	CHANGING YOUR NAME	LICENSE FEES	RENEWAL SCHEDULE	NOTES
Optometric (OPT)	Required to practice optometry at a designated principal place of practice.	Submit Notification of Address Change form.	Return original license and submit Notification of Name Change form.	\$275 application \$25 replacement \$300 renewal \$25 delinquency fee	Every two years on the last day of birth month. (Initial license expires in two to 13 months, at the end of your birth month.)	Continued Education units required upon renewal. CE is not required for first renewal of OPT license if OPT was issued within one year of graduation.
Statement of Licensure (SOL)	Required for every location where licensee is employed or works as an independent contractor in addition to principal place of practice as designated by OPT license.	Cancel and apply for a new SOL.	Same as OPT.	\$20 application No charge for renewal.	Same as OPT.	If not practicing at the location, inform the Board in writing and cancel the SOL.
Branch Office Licensure (BOL)	Required for each optometric practice owned by a licensed optometrist that is in addition to principal place of practice as designated by OPT license.	Cancel and apply for a new BOL.	Same as OPT.	\$60 application \$60 renewal \$25 delinquency fee	Each year on February 1.	Upon change in ownership, cancel the BOL and apply for a new one.
Fictitious Name Permit (FNP)	Required if a fictitious name is used for an optometric practice.	Cancel and apply for a new FNP.	Cancel and apply for a new FNP.	\$10 application \$10 renewal \$5 delinquency fee	Each year on January 31.	Upon change in ownership, cancel the FNP and apply for a new one.

All forms and applications
are available online at
www.optometry.ca.gov.

Click on
"Licensing Information."

CHANGES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2007:

- An optometric corporation is no longer required to obtain a certificate of registration from the California Board of Optometry.
- CPR certification is no longer required to renew or maintain an optometric license.

CHANGES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2008:

Optometrists are **no longer** required to register temporary practice locations in the following practice settings:

- A facility licensed by the State Department of Public Health
- A public institution, including, but not limited to, a

school, a community college, and federal, state and local penal and correctional facility.

- A mobile unit that is operated by a governmental agency or by a nonprofit or charitable organization.
- The home of a patient who is not ambulatory
- The practice location of another optometrist that has been reported to the Board pursuant to Business and Professions Code Section 3070 if the other optometrist is ill or on a temporary leave or for any other reason approved by the Board. This exception is limited to a total period at all temporary practice locations of seven calendar days during a 30-day period and 84 days during a calendar year.